

Ninety-First Regular Session

WEDNESDAY, April 20, 1994

The chief clerk makes the following entries under the above date.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Senate Petition 19

A petition by 227 residents of the State of Wisconsin, students of Moraine Park Technical College, in opposition to Assembly Bill 217 and Senate Bill 436, relating to commencement of the fall semester at the university of Wisconsin system, vocational technical and adult education schools and public schools.

By Senator Lorman.

Referred to committee on Education.

State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau

April 14, 1994

To the Honorable the Legislature:

We have completed an evaluation of the State's surface water quality programs, as requested by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. In fiscal year 1992-93, five agencies spent \$124.3 million on surface water quality-related activities and made \$136.5 million in loans to municipalities.

In general, the State has established an array of programs that respond to federal requirements and address the major types of surface water pollution: point source and nonpoint source pollution. Water quality standards for different types of pollutants have been established, and most programs have established goals for program operation. Also, while there are numerous programs, state agencies have undertaken reasonable efforts to coordinate activities both at the state level and with federal and local agencies.

Although the essential program structures are in place, we identified areas in which effectiveness is hampered by factors such as gaps or inconsistencies in regulation and enforcement, or insufficient use of local resources. We also noted some cases of insufficient connection between program goals and a measurable improvement in water quality. For example, Department of Natural Resources nonpoint Priority Watershed project plans do not consistently identify compliance with codified water-quality standards as a program goal.

In some cases, such as better deployment of resources for monitoring, we believe the agencies can move to improve effectiveness. In other areas, however, such as effective animal waste regulation, the problems we note have been identified before, but consensus among decision-makers has not been reached on complete solutions.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by the departments of Natural Resources; Industry, Labor and Human Relations; Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection; Transportation; and

Administration. The departments' responses are the appendices.

Sincerely,
Dale Cattanach
State Auditor
State of Wisconsin
Legislative Audit Bureau

April 14, 1994

To the Honorable the Legislature:

We have completed an evaluation of the State's special needs adoption program, as directed by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. While most adoptions are facilitated by private agencies, the Department of Health and Social Services facilitates most of the adoptions of children with special needs, who are considered more difficult to place. These children are ten years of age or older, are members of sibling groups of three or more who must be placed together, are members of minority groups, or have disabilities.

Although the number of families expressing an interest in special needs adoption is currently larger than the Department's caseload of children, the Department has not promptly completed reviews of family eligibility. As a result, children are not placed as promptly as possible, and some families become frustrated and discouraged. In November 1993, staff in the Department's regional offices report that 107 children were in need of placement and 218 families were awaiting eligibility review; 45 percent of the families had been waiting at least 11 months.

Because of the unique needs of children and applicant families, prompt matches are not possible in all cases. However, we have identified a number of management changes the Department can implement to increase the pool of approved families more rapidly, thereby increasing the likelihood of more prompt placements. These include improved case management and clear statewide policies for prompt eligibility determination.

We also found that the potential exists to successfully contract out a portion of special needs adoption services. In a 1989-1991 pilot project, cost per placement and placements per staff person were similar for both contracted agencies and state staff. If future contracts are structured to incorporate the lessons learned from the pilot project, privatization could be a viable option to a solely state-operated program.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by department staff at the central and regional offices and by experts in the adoption field with whom we spoke. The Department's response is Appendix II.

Sincerely,
Dale Cattanach
State Auditor
State of Wisconsin

State of Wisconsin
Ethics Board

April 12, 1994

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

To the Honorable the Senate:

At the direction of s. 13.685(7), Wisconsin Statutes, I am furnishing you with the following changes in the Ethics Board's records of licensed lobbyists and their employers.

Organization's authorization of additional lobbyists:
The following organizations previously registered with the Ethics Board as employers of lobbyists have authorized to act on their behalf these additional licensed lobbyists:

Bankers Assoc., Wisconsin

Wakefield, Les

Manufacturers & Commerce, Wisconsin

Skibicki, Louis

Also available from the Wisconsin Ethics Board are reports identifying the amount and value of time state agencies have spent to affect legislative action and reports of expenditures for lobbying activities filed by the organizations that employ lobbyists.

Sincerely,

R. Roth Judd

Executive Director

State of Wisconsin
University of Wisconsin System

April 12, 1994

To the Honorable the Legislature:

Pursuant to action taken by the Board of Regents during its meeting on April 8, 1994, I am transmitting the Minority and Disadvantaged Student Annual Report as required under s. 36.25(14m)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

The 1992-93 Minority and Disadvantaged Student Annual Report fulfills the requirement in Section 36.25(14m)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes that the board of Regents report annually on its precollege, recruitment, and retention plan for minority and disadvantaged students enrolled in the UW System. This report must also include information on financial aid programs serving minority and disadvantaged students. The report includes information concerning:

- * Precollege recruitment plans and activities;
- * New minority student enrollment;
- * Retention and graduation of minority students;
- * Expenditures for minority and disadvantaged student programs;
- * Student financial assistance.

I look forward to your review of this report. In the event that any questions arise, please contact me or Dr. Andrea-Teresa "Tess" Arenas, Assistant to the President for Multicultural Affairs. Dr. Arenas may be reached at 262-8636.

Sincerely,

Katharine C. Lyall

President

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor

April 13, 1994

To the Honorable, the Senate:

The following bills, originating in the Senate, have been approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State:

Senate Bill	Act No.	Date Approved
515	285	April 13, 1994
639	286	April 13, 1994
640	287	April 13, 1994
715	288	April 13, 1994
781	289	April 13, 1994
797	290	April 13, 1994
817	297	April 13, 1994

Respectfully,

TOMMY G. THOMPSON

Governor

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor

April 14, 1994

To the Honorable, the Senate:

The following bills, originating in the Senate, have been approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State:

Senate Bill	Act No.	Date Approved
314	309	April 14, 1994
358	310	April 14, 1994
814	311	April 14, 1994

Respectfully,

TOMMY G. THOMPSON

Governor

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor

April 18, 1994

To the Honorable, the Senate:

The following bills, originating in the Senate, have been approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State:

Senate Bill	Act No.	Date Approved
369	326	April 15, 1994\$
434	327	April 15, 1994\$
576	328	April 15, 1994\$
589	329	April 15, 1994\$
610	330	April 15, 1994\$
641	331	April 15, 1994\$
512	336	April 15, 1994\$
391	337	April 15, 1994\$

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80(Vetoed in part)-----	338	-----	April 15, 1994
89-----	339	-----	April 15, 1994
560-----	340	-----	April 15, 1994
703-----	341	-----	April 15, 1994
767-----	343	-----	April 16, 1994
675-----	346	-----	April 16, 1994
323-----	347	-----	April 16, 1994
721-----	349	-----	April 16, 1994

Respectfully,
TOMMY G. THOMPSON
 Governor

State of Wisconsin
 Office of the Governor

April 15, 1994

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I have approved **Senate Bill 80** as 1993 Wisconsin Act 338 and have deposited it in the Office of the Secretary of State. I have exercised by partial veto authority in Section 1.

Senate Bill 80 establishes a committee to study the feasibility of establishing a regional high school of excellence for academically talented students in the areas of science and mathematics. The committee would be able to solicit corporate and public support to pay for initial costs related to establishing such a school. The bill appropriates \$37,000 in fiscal year 1993-94 for the expenses of the committee.

Section 1 of **Senate Bill 80** also specifies that the committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor by June 30, 1994 and that the committee terminates on June 30, 1994. I am partially vetoing this section to eliminate the requirements that the committee report to the Governor by June 30, 1994 and that the committee terminates on June 30, 1994. This date does not provide sufficient time to complete the study and make recommendations. I do believe that the committee should complete its task in a timely fashion. The committee should strive to complete its work by October 30, 1994. This would allow time for its findings and recommendations to be considered during the 1995-97 biennial budget deliberations.

I have been a proud supporter of efforts to increase educational opportunities in Wisconsin. I believe that **Senate Bill 80**, as I have approved it, will provide useful information on the feasibility of increasing options to include a regional high school of excellence.

Respectfully,
TOMMY G. THOMPSON
 Governor

State of Wisconsin
 Office of the Governor

April 19, 1994

To the Honorable, the Senate:

The following bills, originating in the senate, have been approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State:

Senate Bill	Act No.	Date Approved
87-----	355-----	April 18, 1994
482-----	356-----	April 18, 1994
483-----	357-----	April 18, 1994
693-----	358-----	April 18, 1994

Respectfully,
TOMMY G. THOMPSON
 Governor

SENATE CLEARINGHOUSE ORDERS

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 93-215

Relating to adoption assistance for families adopting children with special needs.

Submitted by Department of Health and Social Services.

Report received from agency, April 14, 1994.

Referred to committee on Health, Human Services and Aging, April 20, 1994.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 94-27

Relating to the syllabus for instruction for the practitioner license and for the manicurist license in schools licensed under s. 440.62, Stats., to include the topic of artificial nails in the syllabus for each license.

Submitted by Department of Regulation and Licensing.

Report received from agency, April 15, 1994.

Referred to committee on Business, Economic Development and Urban Affairs, April 20, 1994.

The committee on Transportation, Agriculture, Local and Rural Affairs reports and recommends:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 93-233

Relating to public warehouse keepers.

No action taken.

Alan J. Lasee
 Chair

CHIEF CLERK'S REPORT

The chief clerk records:

- Senate Bill 80.
- Senate Bill 89.
- Senate Bill 314.
- Senate Bill 358.
- Senate Bill 369.
- Senate Bill 391.
- Senate Bill 434.
- Senate Bill 512.
- Senate Bill 560.
- Senate Bill 576.
- Senate Bill 589.
- Senate Bill 610.
- Senate Bill 641.
- Senate Bill 703.
- Senate Bill 814.

Correctly enrolled and presented to the Governor on April 13, 1994.

CHIEF CLERK'S REPORT

The chief clerk records:

Senate Bill 323.
Senate Bill 675.
Senate Bill 721.
Senate Bill 767.

Correctly enrolled and presented to the Governor on
April 14, 1994.

CHIEF CLERK'S REPORT

The chief clerk records:

Senate Bill 87.
Senate Bill 482.
Senate Bill 483.
Senate Bill 693.
Senate Bill 270.

Senate Bill 447.
Senate Bill 669.
Senate Bill 742.
Senate Bill 158.
Senate Bill 619.
Senate Bill 671.

Correctly enrolled and presented to the Governor on
April 18, 1994.

CHIEF CLERK'S REPORT

The chief clerk records:

Senate Bill 810.
Senate Bill 444.
Senate Bill 748.
Senate Bill 747.

Correctly enrolled and presented to the Governor on
April 19, 1994.